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Letter of Appeal

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Funding Year	2005
470 Application Number	600710000519837
471 Application Number	466603
FRN	1283316
Billed Entity Number	140273
Applicant Name	BILLINGS INDEP SCHOOL DISTRICT 2
Service Provider Name	MCI Communications Corporation
SPIN	143001197
471 Service Start Date	7/1/2005
FCDL Date	9/19/2006
Pre-Discount Amount	\$117.00

Re: APPEAL of FRN 1283316 "Service Start Date Change Explanation – 120-day 486 Deadline"

Billings Public Schools contracted with an Oklahoma based E-rate consulting company to manage the E-rate process for our school. Billings Public School can provide substantial documentation that they communicated with the consulting group and provided all the information needed to make all deadlines. The company failed to notify us about filing the 486 within the filing window and subsequently the SLD's funding decision on the 486 filing cost our school three fourths of our funding for this FRN. The school board and I have since fired this consultant and will not do business with them again.

We are now in complete control of our E-rate filing process and have attended local training to advance our knowledge.

We are appealing this decision and ask that you reconsider the original decision on the grounds that this late filing was beyond our control.

Thank you for your consideration of our appeal. I am available to discuss this appeal via phone or email.

Sincerely,

Les Justus

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